THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI) : That is a separte issue.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : If they are keeping a watch on the Members of Parliament, how are we going to function in the Parliament ? I want a ruling on this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI) : That is another issue.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : I want the Home Minister to respond to my point.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI) : I am not allowing it. That is a separate isue. Now I am giving my ruling.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu) Sir, Question Hour is over.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI) : Please sit down. All motions come up before the House like this. As such there could be a discussion only on some motions. All motions cannot be open for discussion. His submission is yet to be allowed.

Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Conversion projects of railways

*1. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

SHRI SURENDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total out-lay in the Eighth Five Year Plan for laying new BG lines and for MG to BG conversion projects in different parts of the country ;

(b) what are the new lines coming up in Maharashtra and what length of MG to BG or NG to BG conversion projects in proposed to be undertaken in the Eighth Five year plan period; and

(c) by when the forthcoming new projects in Maharashtra are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) An outlay of Rs. 900 crores for BG new lines has been kept in the VIII Five Yead Plan. The outlay for traffic facilities which includes gauge conversion, doublings and other line capacity works has been tentatively kept at Rs. 4500 crores. The outlay will be reviewed from year to year depending upon the progress of the works. During 1992-93, the outlay for gauge conversion is Rs. 554.77 crores.

(b) and (c) New Lines : Konkan Railway Line :

New line between Roha and Mangalore (760 kms) passing through backward region of Konkan in Maharashtra is under construction by Konkan Railway Corporation. 383 kms of this alignment passes through Maharashtra. Section between Roha and Dasgaon in Maharashtra is expected to be opened in October, 1992.

A new line from Panvel to Karjat is also envisaged. Land acquisition for this line has been included in the Budget of 1992-93. However, further action will depend upon Planning Commissions' clearance.

Gauge Conversion

About 907 kms of gauge conversion from MG/NG to BG in Maharashtra has been approved or form part of the Railways action plan for being taken up during the VIII Five Year Plan as under :

1. Aurangabad-Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath MG to BG (242 kms)
2. Parbhani-Purna-Adilabad MG to BG (248 kms.)
3. Miraj Londa MG to BG (188 kms) (16 kms in Maharashtra)
4. Daund-Baramati NG to BG (42 kms.)
5. Latur-Miraj NG to BG (359 kms.)
6. Gondia-Chandafort NG to BG (242 Kms.)

127 kms. of item 1, from Aurangabad to Jalna (64 kms.) and Parbhani to Parli

Vaijnath (63 kms.) will be opened in 1992-93. Completion of balance projects will be dependent on the availability of resources in coming years.

Recommendations of J.S. Verma Commission

*2. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the J. S. Verma Commission of Inquiry appointed to go into Rajiv Gandhi's assassination, besides the security system operating at that time has submitted its reports to Government;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the findings/recommendations of the Commission;

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Goverment thereon; and

(d) when does the Government propose to lay the above report on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The Verma Commission of Inquiry has submitted its report to the Government on the 15th June 1992. A high powered committee has been appointed to suggest the follow-up action to be taken thereon. The report together with a memorandum of action taken, will be placed before the Parliament after the recommendations are examined.

Earth Summit on Environment

*3. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the gains or losses that accrued to India at Rio Earth Summit on environment;

(b) whether the U. S. and developed countries have agreed to commit financial aid in full measure commensurate to the damage they are inflicting to world environment; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total expenses required per annum to compensate the losses on erosion in environment fields ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) For India, the gains of participation in the Rio Conference included a better understanding and recognition by the international community of the efforts that have been made and are ongoing in the country not only towards development and poverty alleviation but also for environment protection, despite numerous constraints and meagre resources. Besides, India worked closely with other countries to influence the outcome of the Conference.

(b) There was a genral agreement in the Conference that it is the devloped countries which are primarily responsible for the degradation of the global environment and must not only take urgent steps to correct the situation, but also provide financial. technical and other resources to the developing countries if the developing countries are to participate in action to protect the global environment. There was also a general agreement that the developing countries will require substantial, new and additional funding for sustainable development. The developed countries reaffirmed their commitment to reach the accepted United Nations target of 0.7% of Gross National Product (GNP) for Official Development Assistance to the developing countries as soon as possible.

(c) No such estimate has been made.

Changes in Demographic Complex of Certain States

*4. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the 1991 census results reflect unusal changes in the demographic complex of some States; and